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CONTROLLING THE DEPTH OF
IMMERSION OF A SEMICONDUCTOR
ELEMENT IN AN EXPOSED SURFACE OF
A VISCOUS FLUID

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Sir:

    The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/183,233, filed October 29, 1998, pending, which is a divisional patent application of Application Serial No. 09/020,197 filed February 6, 1998, now U.S. Patent 6,040,205 which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/906,578 filed on August 5, 1997, hereby incorporated herein by reference, and also a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/906,673 filed on August 5, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,013,535 hereby incorporated herein by reference.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 2001.06(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information of record in the prior applications, and to confirm in the first Office Action on the merits that such art has in fact been reviewed. A PTO-1449 form listing all of the information of record in the prior applications is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application, and no certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or a fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is required.

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